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CHRISTMAS CANDIES

Candy Factory,
101 North Third Street.

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LOCAL NEWS.

What were Pease & Son's...
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Crowds at the Methodist Fair--
Music and Recitations
The Dinner.

For a while last night owing to the great crowd in attendance it was impossible to move out in the lecture room of the First M. E. church where the ladies of the congregation are holding their before Christmas fair and festival. It was a perfect jam of humanity at 8 o'clock, when the special entertainment provided was announced by George W. Wright. The music on the program was as follows, each being heartily applauded:

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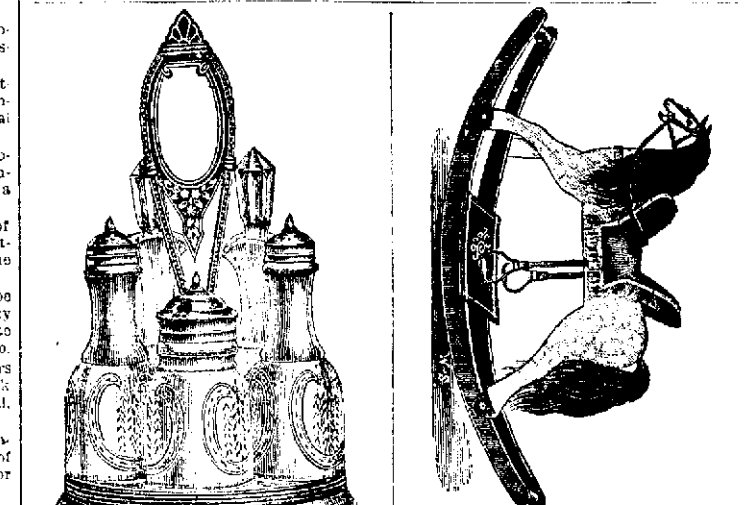
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Rubber Dolls, 25c and 50c.
Doll Carriages, 75c, 98c, and \$1.25.
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Drums, from 25c up.
Toy Wash Sets, 25c up to 50c.
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Children's Knives, Forks and Spoons, 10c, 15c, \$1.48.
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Rogers' Knives and Forks, \$1.48 up.
Tragapans, Extra Plate, from 65c up.
Fancy Pickle Caster, good goods, \$1.25.
Plum and Fancy Napkin Rings, from 10c up to \$1.25.
Salt and Pepper, Extra Plate, 25 and 25c each.
Parlor Stand Lamps, all complete, 85c up.
Crystal Tea Sets, from 48c up.
Water Sets, 5 glasses, pitcher and tray, 98c.
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Bend Vases, from 15c up to \$1.08.
Silver Mugs, 48c up to \$1.48.

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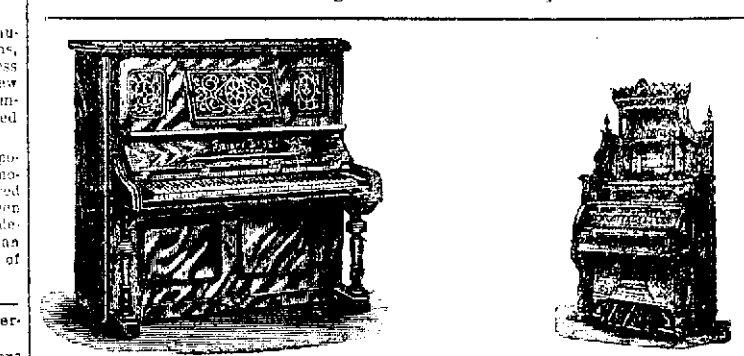
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If you'll just drop around and see Prescott.

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MAKING A WILL.

GOOD ADVICE TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE EARTHLY RICHES.

While You Are Yet Alive Determine to Whom Your Choice Possessions Shall Fall—A Case to Point—Listing One's Personal Belongings.

Every one cannot indulge in the sensation of making a will which disposes of millions. But every one can attain a degree of satisfaction to one's self by making a disposition of one's possessions.

We accept it as a matter of course that the rich man and the rich woman shall bequeath his or her estate to certain heirs suggested by nature or choice, but the ordinary, everyday people in the world live along without much thought of a time when somebody else shall possess their all, be it much or little.

Indeed, the very suggestion of making a will is regarded by many sensible men as a harbinger of evil, a certain preparation for a death which is sure to bring it near.

It is only in this time of self-made sorrow that a certain class of people, who have a like dread of moving into a new, fine home which they have built late in life and which they leave unoccupied for a long time, possibly from a superstitious dread.

Let us look at the matter from another point of view.

Yet the idea of making one's will is, in fact, a pleasant one. All of us, especially all women, have certain possessions which are valued for one reason or another, perhaps from association or fancy, perhaps for love of a giver or real intrinsic worth, and each is probably aware that some other body has an admiration for and would take good care of that particular thing, while the person to whom the disposal of it would naturally fall might set no value on it whatever.

A case presents itself to view just now of a little home made pink covered stand, not very well finished, not much of an ornamental addition to any room, yet of inestimable value to a widow, because it changed to be the last bit of work from the dear hands which had been her support through a long and happy married life.

It chanced that during the manufacture of this article a young friend was paying a visit to these people and enjoyed with them the interest in, and diversion of, watching the table grow under the tinker's hands, and one day made the remark, thoughtlessly and carelessly, "You must will this to me."

Shortly after the sudden death of this gentleman the wife informed the friend that she had straightway gone and put this bequest in her will. Do you think there is no comfort, perhaps only very occasional, but still a comfort, in thinking that it will become the possession of one who, too, watched with interest every inch of plash glued on, every nail driven in, and will value it in quite another way than any other person?

Nor is this at all an exceptional case. With almost every possession is some other person associated, and very likely none other, as, for instance, some little child who always begged to be allowed to hold for a minute to her tiny breast the small bust of Flora, which ornamented a bracket in "auntie's" room, or a favorite young cousin who always smoothed with tender touch the rich folds of your best velvet gown, or the friend who studied with you that history of sculpture in your middle life and brought back an unexpected glimpse of youth and school girl friendships to you both, or the boy who helped you plant in your big jar and care for season after season that growing palm? Who will have the same thoughts and such gratification in the ownership of these things as they to whom can you give a stronger proof of the lessons of kindly remembrance and friendship?

NOT AT ALL UNPLEASANT.

Is there no joy in making these little plans to please others, so that when the veil of darkness shuts you from their sight, your going may not be all an unbroken pain—that no tender thoughts of how you had planned to remain in their thoughts should follow you on the unknown voyage to the mysterious beyond?

While this, perhaps, is the strongest argument for persons who possess only trifling things to make a will, there is another, too, which has a pleasant side. Few of us have the slightest idea of what we have; things accumulate so fast. In a good sized family of comfortable means there are enough things of value given at one Christmas season to warrant the making of a will. The listing of what one does possess is a pleasant occupation, full of surprises, and would fill many weary hours for elderly people, whose waning eyesight and general feebleness dears them from active interests and employments and leaves their lives but a quiet season of waiting.

Did you ever lose a friend and feel an irresistible longing for something that was hers? It might be that she had presented you with many things, but none could give you the satisfaction that would ensue if you had any old book or little picture she had loved and prized.

When one goes away from home it is usual to see that all which is left behind is properly cared for. Why, then, not follow the same natural instinct when leaving them behind forever? To those who had jewels and lace, plate and costly things, it seems as absolutely wrong not to arrange for their disposal, just as is done in the case of money and other estates. Heirs are merely human, often very human, possessing the faults and frailties of their race as well as the virtues, and he or she who can adjust his affairs in such order and with such simple directness that there are no wranglings over them is not only a wise man, but a public benefactor. For nothing can give to the world a lower opinion of mankind than the published accounts of the greed and disputes over an estate.—S. S. E. M., in Chicago Herald.

"Experts" in the Court Room.

Under the present usage the expert bears witness for one side against the other; whereas the truth being "neither black nor white, but gray," may stand in the middle of the disputed territory. The science of the court room is litigious, not judicial; and no place is found for the unbiased presentation of fact, regardless of its bearing upon the personal interest at stake, and with fair credit given to genuine doubts and uncertainties. To the scientific partisan the court room doors are wide open; to the scientific jurist they are practically closed, for no one wants his services.

In criminal cases, perhaps, a better showing may be made; for here we have an impartial state seeking to do exact justice, and its efforts have no private end to gratify. If, however, they are incompetent, the criminal, perhaps a prisoner, may escape punishment, and even cases of this kind are on record.

—From Frank W. Clarke in Popular Science Monthly.

A Story with a Moral.

A few years ago, when the gambling was running wide open, a young man who held a good position, with more responsibility than salary attached to it, in a prominent downtown office, fell a prey to the gambling passion.

His salary quickly exhausted at the fascinating game of faro, it was but a short step to the cash drawer of his employers, and he soon found to his dismay that he was in the hole to the extent of some hundreds of dollars.

Exposure seemed inevitable and he visited a friend and solicited a loan of \$20. Asked why he wanted it he told the friend all and said he desired to leave town to avoid arrest and humiliation.

The amount was forthcoming, but like many others, he sought to win back his losses with that small stake, and, finding this impossible, he sought to drown his sorrow in drink.

The friend who loaned him the money with which to leave town saw him in a rambling state in a hall on West Madison street, and gave him up as lost. There ended the first chapter.

The young victim of faro awoke the next morning with a very heavy head and in a fit of desperation. Taking a sudden resolve, he visited his employer's office and made a clean breast of his fall of temptations and ruin.

They liked the young man, as he was bright and intelligent, and they treated him kindly. They agreed that if he would sign the pledge to abstain from gambling they would put him in a position where he would have no temptation and would deduct from his salary \$20 per month until his default was made good.

Well, he accepted the proposition and held manfully to his pledges. In a little over two years he had discharged the debt and was attending strictly to business in a way that gained for him the admiration and great will of the firm's senior member.

Last year the junior member drew out and the young man was given the partnership. A few months ago the head of the firm died, and now the business is controlled by the same young man whose whole life was nearly wrecked by an unfortunate mistake.

This is a true story, and there are a few who will be able to furnish the characters with their proper names.—Chicago Herald.

John Chinaman in Australia.

On gold fields that have been abandoned by the whites, either because they appeared to have been worked out or because the yield of the precious metal was not sufficiently satisfactory in European estimation, the Chinese always make a good living, and sometimes secure valuable prizes.

They enter into possession of the abandoned workings, resume operations in their leisurely, methodical fashion, and are occasionally rewarded for their perseverance by the discovery of a handsome nugget.

But "fossicking" is their favorite pursuit on these deserted fields. This consists in slowly and deliberately raking over the unsightly heaps of upturned earth that are the dismal mementoes of the white man's former presence.

The vigilant eye of the Chinaman detects in these hurried accumulations many a minute particle of gold, and sometimes a piece of quartz studded with precious metal that escaped the observation of his white predecessor, and there is rarely a day in which he does not return to his tent in the evening the richer for his process.

In traveling through the gold regions of Australia, no sight is more familiar than the abandoned diggings, dotted here and there with the patient, plodding Chinese, each bent low with his handy little rake, analyzing the contents of the white man's leavings, or scrutinizing the alluvial deposits in the bed of the neighboring creek.—Chambers Journal.

A Fortune from a Seedling.

Some years ago a woman living near Buffalo, whose former home was in Euclid township, was left a widow in straitened circumstances. Her only means of livelihood consisted of a small vineyard. Among the varieties of grapes was a plant that her husband had but recently set out as an experiment.

The puny vine bore that season but a single bunch of grapes. It is of course well known that grapes are raised from cuttings and roots and not from seed. This woman, out of curiosity, planted the seeds from one of the grapes of this vine.

They sprouted and grew so well that the young vines were transplanted, and when suitably developed bore handsomely a variety of grape that differed radically from the original seed.

It was a luscious table grape. A neighboring nurseryman had his attention drawn to the new grape, and made the woman a proposition to take cuttings from the vines, give the variety a name and put it on the market, paying her a royalty on all roots sold. She accepted, and in a few years reaped a small fortune as her share of the profits from the sale, as the grape became an immediate favorite.

Forty thousand dollars in royalties was paid to her by this nurseryman. She sold her little vineyard and retired to live at ease the balance of her days in her native town in New York state on the money brought her from the seeds of a single grape, planted almost by chance.—Cleveland (O.) Cor. New York Herald.

A Word of Warning.

If you have any hereditary proneness to consumption take care not to sleep, when you go to health resorts, say, in Cannes or Mentone, in rooms from which consumptive patients have just cleared out.

The congress of doctors which met recently has pronounced that disease infections, but not from, perhaps, the breath. Danger lies in the sufferer from it spitting about, and when the sufferer dies, the microbes in it being inhaled by the chance of dust.

Consumptive persons should have rooms to themselves, make use of spittoons, and they and all their surroundings should be kept with Dutch cleanliness and often disinfected. Cows are also to be mistrusted. An oft milked cow is sure to go into a decline, and her milk and the meat her body furnishes when she is handed over to the butcher are equally dangerous.

The goat is proof against pulmonary consumption, and is warmly recommended by the congress as a nurse to delicate children who ill stomach boiled milk.—London Truth.

Fishing for the Canneries.

The fishing for the Washington territory canneries is done with nets, and is carried on more extensively than anywhere else on this continent. In the fisheries and canneries fully 7,000 men are employed.

The netting is mostly done at night, and an idea of the immensity of the catch can be had when it is known that over 3,000,000 worth of the fish was sent from the Columbia river district last year. Net fishing is also carried on extensively on the St. Lawrence and other Canadian rivers.—Globe-Democrat.

Coal is worked in Kibbeny within ten to twenty miles of these railways, but there is no branch railway to the mines.

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Publication Notice in Chancery.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF MACON.

In the Circuit Court for the January Term, A. D. 1893.

Maze Livingston, Complainant, vs. John H. Thurston, Alice Thurston, Harvey Pasco, Harvey Pasco, Jr., Arthur Pasco, George Pasco and Donia Spicer, Defendants. In Chancery No. 13,171.

Notice is hereby given to you, the said John H. Thurston, Alice Thurston, defendants in the above entitled cause, that Maze Livingston, Complainant in said suit, has heretofore filed in said Court, on the 1st day of January, A. D. 1893, a bill in equity against you, the said John H. Thurston, Alice Thurston and said other defendants above named, and that thereupon a summons in Chancery issued out of said Court in said cause against you, the said John H. Thurston, Alice Thurston and other defendants, returnable at the Court House, in the City of Decatur, in said County, on the first day of the 8th month of February, A. D. 1893, of said Court, to wit: on the fourth Monday in the month of February, A. D. 1893, and that the said above entitled cause is still pending and undetermined in said Court.

E. MCLELLAN, Clerk.

Wm. T. Cassin, Complainant's Solicitor.

Nov 18-11

B. A. STERRETT

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Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this 1st day of December, 1888.

JAMES M. COSSINS, Plaintiff.

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HOW THE ARMY OF THIS MILITARY COUNTRY IS CONSTITUTED

Liability to service at the Age of 17—Half a Million Armed Men Always Ready for Service—Every Man a Soldier—How the People Take It.

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